REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application.

Claims 1-62 were originally submitted.

Claims 12-62 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 4, and 8 have been amended.

Claims 1-11 remain pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

As to a restriction of the Office, an election is made as to claims 1-11. Claims 12-62 are canceled without prejudice. As referenced by the Action, a provisional election was made as to claims 1-11 during a telephone conversation on April 26, 2005 between Examiner Eric Woods and Emmanuel Rivera.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Claim 4 is amended herein and Applicant respectfully requests that the §112 rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and (c) as being anticipated to by U.S. Patent 6,323,911 to Schein et al. (Schein). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

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Amended independent claim 1 recites in part "[a] user interface comprising: a full scale image presented for display, the full scale image being generated from a full scale video stream received from a content provider;" and "a scaled image overlaid onto a portion of the full scale image for display, the scaled image being a scaled representation of the full scale image and generated from a compressed video stream received from the content provider, the compressed video stream being a compressed version of the full scale video stream;".

Schein does not show or disclose that a full scale video stream is received from a content provider, and that a compressed video stream is received from the content provider, where the compressed video stream is a compressed version of the full scale video stream, as recited in claim 1. Schein also does not show or disclose that a full scale image is generated from the full scale video stream and presented for display, and that a scaled image is generated from the compressed video stream where the scaled image is a scaled representation of the full scale image.

Schein describes that a program infomenu (130) is displayed over a portion of a television screen (132), and that a browsing window (134) of the television screen displays the program selected in the infomenu (Schein Figs. 5B-5C; col.10, lines 38-61). However, there is no indication in the cited section of Schein that the television program shown in the browsing window (134) is a scaled image of the television program shown on the television screen (132), or that the television program shown in the browsing window (134) is generated from a compressed video stream that is a compressed version of a full scale video stream.

Although Schein appears to show the same television program in the browsing window (134) as on the television screen (132) in Fig. 5B, Fig. 5C

illustrates that the television program shown in the browsing window (134) is different than the television program shown on the television screen (132). There is no correlation in Schein between the display on the television screen and the display in the browsing window. As such, Schein does not disclose that a scaled image is a scaled representation of the full scale image and generated from a compressed video stream that is a compressed version_of the full scale video stream, as recited in claim 1.

What is described in the present application includes displaying graphics overtop (i.e., on top) a full screen which eases a "transition disruption problem" when a user switches to a guide or something else needing a graphic, but the graphic then disturbs the user's awareness of the full screen program. By showing the scaled down version of the program, the user is provided an ability to follow a current program, while minimizing the transition disruption problem, and yet allows the user to use the graphics. Furthermore, the graphics do not obscure the scaled down video so the viewer can follow along more easily.

Prior art systems, such as Schein, either just overlay the graphics on top of a current show and obscure it, or the graphics are just shown with a small PIP of the current show which may have the "transition disruption problem" described.

Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Schein for at least the reasons described above, and Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn.

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Amended independent claim 8 recites in part "receiving a full scale video stream from a content provider;", and "receiving a compressed video stream from the content provider, the compressed video stream being a compressed version of the full scale video stream;".

As described above in response to the rejection of claim 1, Schein does not show or disclose that a full scale video stream is received from a content provider, and that a compressed video stream is also received from the content provider, where the compressed video stream is a compressed version of the full scale video stream, as recited in claim 8.

Claim 8 also recites "displaying a full scale image generated from the full scale video stream;" and "overlaying a scaled image onto a portion of the full scale image for display, the scaled image being a scaled representation of the full scale image and generated from the compressed video stream;"

As presented in the argument supporting claim 1, Schein also does not show or disclose a scaled image generated from the compressed video stream and being a scaled representation of the full scale image, and overlaying a portion of the full scale image, as recited in claim 8.

Accordingly, claim 8 is allowable over Schein, and Applicant respectfully requests that the §102 rejection of claim 8 be withdrawn.

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35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,466,220 to Cesana et al. (Cesana). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Amended independent claims 1 and 8 are described above in response to the §102 rejection of claims 1 and 8.

Cesana describes an architecture for graphics processing, but does not teach or suggest the features recited in claims 1 and 8. As illustrated in Fig. 7 of Cesana, a single output is sent to a display 795. There is no teaching that the single output in Cesana includes "a full scale image generated from a full scale video stream" and "a scaled image generated from a compressed video stream" as recited in claims 1 and 8.

Similar to Schein (as described above) Cesana describes that a display (640) includes a background (600) and a scaled video (610) (Cesana Fig. 6; col.8, lines 9-44). However, there is no indication in the cited section of Cesana that the scaled video (610) is a scaled representation of the background (600), or that the scaled video (610) is generated from a compressed video stream that is a compressed version of a full scale video stream. As such, Cesana does not teach or suggest that a full scale image is generated from a full scale video stream and that a scaled image is generated from a compressed video stream where the scaled image is a scaled representation of the full scale image, and where the compressed video stream is a compressed version of the full scale video stream, as recited in claims 1 and 8.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 8 are allowable over Cessana, and Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection of claims 1 and 8 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-4, 7, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of US Patent No. 5,455,632 to Ichihara et al. (Ichihara).

Claims 5-6 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of US Application Publication 2004/0117819A1 to Yu (Yu).

Claim 6 is also rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schein in view of U.S. Application Publication 2004/0117823 to Karaoguz et al. (Karaoguz). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claims 2-7 are allowable by virtue of their dependency upon claim 1 which is allowable over Schein and Cesana for at least the reasons described above in response to the §102 and §103 rejections of claim 1. Claims 2-7 are also allowable over the Schein-Ichihara, Schein-Yu, and/or Schein-Karaoguz combinations because neither of Ichihara, Yu, or Karaoguz address the deficiencies of Schein and Cesana as described above in response to the rejections of claim 1. Accordingly, the §103 rejections should be withdrawn and clams 2-7 allowed.

Claims 9-11 are allowable by virtue of their dependency upon claim 8 which is allowable over Schein and Cesana for at least the reasons described above in response to the §102 and §103 rejections of claim 8. Claims 9-11 are also allowable over the Schein-Ichihara and Schein-Yu combinations because neither Ichihara nor Yu address the deficiencies of Schein and Cesana as described above

in response to the rejections of claim 8. Accordingly, the §103 rejections should be withdrawn and clams 9-11 allowed.

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CONCLUSION

All pending claims 1-11 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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